

The Road You've Traveled

Instructions for writing autobiography are topic of local author's new book

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Plymouth author Jane Saylor has been either writing or teaching others to write since she was 8 years old. Now, everything she teaches will span a lot further than just the Plymouth-Canton area.

Her new book, *The Road You've Traveled*, is a valuable 'how-to' guide that assists readers in journaling their lives that will hit bookshelves soon.

The book evolved from a series of lesson plans that were researched and developed by Saylor as a means to instruct senior citizens at the Plymouth Library on how to record their life stories. The 44-year-old mother of two later realized that the sessions, however, would relate to people of all ages.

"For senior citizens it's about leaving a legacy for their families, she said. "But people of all ages can learn a lot about writing about their life."

She equates the process to

times when people walk into a room but have forgotten why they're there. The only way to remember is to go back and figure out where they left off. The writing process is similar.

"The same goes for when you're trying to figure out your life," she said. "When you lose direction, go back to point where you knew where you were going. And once you have

it written down you have a good reference point for later."

The Road You've Traveled is as great tool for all writers. She said the book will help highlight the highpoints rather than constitute a day-to-day diary of events.

The first chapter takes readers through the toughest part of any writing journey—organization. Saylor teaches the reader to take all the necessary steps prior to actual writing, making the process easier.

"I think it's that organizational difference that sets me apart from others that teach similar classes," she said. "It's the laying out of everything first and getting everything organized that makes this work."

Every subsequent chapter is a lesson plan that contains tips, ideas and a 'tank of mental gasoline' to help recall memories and then transfer them to the page. The plans are easy to follow and extremely helpful.

Saylor said the writing process can be very therapeutic.

"I do tell people they should write about the experiences they've had, good or bad—all their memories," she said. "On one level it can be very therapeutic. On another level you can come to terms with things that didn't go so well in your life. Sometimes if something happened to us when we were a teenager we can carry that perception long into adulthood because we never revisited the situation and our perception as a teen has now become our perception as an adult. But if you write about it you'll understand it better and overcome it."

Saylor has been teaching the Life Journal class twice a week at the Plymouth Library for four years now and recently started classes at the Canton Summit Senior Center once a week. Classes at Plymouth are (1-2:30 p.m.) every first Tuesday and (4-5:30 p.m., third Tuesday of the month and)11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) every first Wednesday at the Summit in Canton.

She didn't start teaching the classes thinking it would

turn into a book, though.

"Once I started seeing how people responded to the classes and how people were grateful it was those things that made me realize that maybe I have something here," she said. "This process just doesn't help people to write about their life. If you want to write a novel or a book this is the process to follow. If you want to sit down and plan, say, a party or something, this is a great process to go about doing it."

Although Saylor doesn't have any fancy scholarly credentials, she does have a self-admitting dPA (disgustingly Positive Attitude)—something one of her best friends labeled her with. Along with her dPA and her dedication and willingness to help people she has the necessary experience and know-how to write this worth-your-while read.

The Road You've Traveled was self-published by Saylor through Author House (authorhouse.com), which is a subsidiary of Ingram book distributors—one of the largest book distributors in the country.

The book will be available at all major bookstores and eventually on their websites as well as Saylor's website grandschempress.com, currently under construction.

To help promote the release, Saylor will have a book signing at 2 p.m. on April 24 at the Plymouth Library and from noon-3 p.m. on April 29 at the Plymouth Book Cellar. More information about Saylor and *The Road You've Traveled* can be found at authorhouse.com.

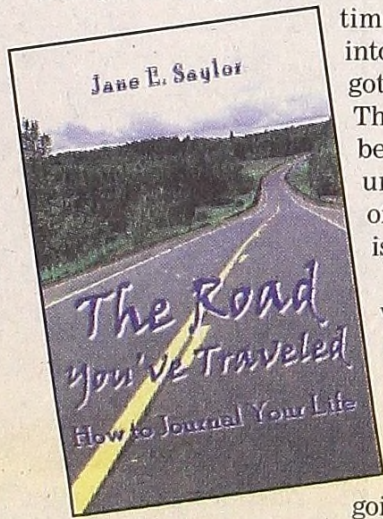
So far, the entire experience of teaching, writing and publishing has been a journey for Saylor.

"It has been crazy at times but to know that I set a goal and accomplished it is very fulfilling," she said. "Now, I'm in the process of accomplishing the rest of my goals."

"Everyone has a story to tell," she said. "In order to know where you're going it's good to take a look at where you've been."



Jane Saylor



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DIVAS dazzle

Students at the Romulus Head Start program experienced the glimmer of the DIVAS (Devastating, Intelligent, Vibrant, Assertive Soul sisters) when they made a visit to drop off 160 children's books last week. The DIVAS, a group of local women involved in various charitable causes, had a special fundraiser earlier this year so they could make the donation. Carolyn O'Bannon, the Romulus Head Start leader, said, "We try very hard to get the children to read and understand as much of the material in the books as possible." Here, Tezanne Barber, Gale Rucker, Ruby Houston, Ruby Seifuddin and Valerie Yates are shown in the Head Start classroom.

Deputy - Veteran's retirement was short, but sweet

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tion where you sponsored yourself, and that led me to Romulus." He has spent his entire career in Romulus and has a long history with the city.

During his tenure with the department, Coffey built his career in special investigative units. He was assigned to various auto theft and narcotics units organized by the Michigan State Police, and spent several years on loan. He began working with special units about five years into his career, and reached the rank of detective. He spent several years as a liaison on the Downriver SWAT (Special Weapons and Training) team, as well as the department automobile theft unit.

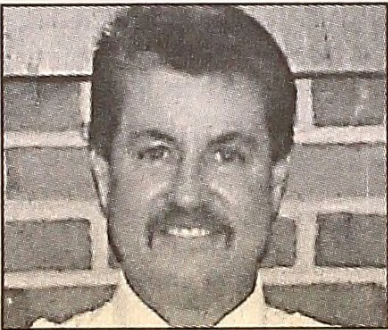
He thinks this experience will serve him well in his new job.

"Romulus is a community that

is growing more and more, both residentially and commercially," he said. "It's becoming one of the most desired communities in this area. There's going to be more to protect."

Resources in a growing community - which don't often get more plentiful regardless of how much residential and business activity comes into a city - need to be applied thoughtfully, said Coffey. Though deputy chief jobs are traditionally administrative in nature, the dividing of duties between himself and Kirby is still being determined. The department employs about 55 sworn officers and an undetermined number of civilian employees.

In Romulus, the mayor appoints the deputy chief. It is not known how many candidates applied for the job. Mayor Alan Lambert, who administered the oath of office to Coffey Monday, was unavailable for comment



Michael Coffey

Tuesday.

Kirby said he was, "glad to have him (Coffey) aboard."

While he was retired, Coffey said he missed the camaraderie of the department.

"I'm really glad to be back," he said. "I have a lot of friends here."

Coffey, who lives in Woodhaven, is a second-generation police officer. His father, Thomas Coffey, is the former Deputy Police Chief of Riverview. He's now retired.

Parks - 2 assume new challenges amid changes in city

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position is Tanya Cofied, who had worked for the city before budget constraints led to a layoff in January 2004. She said she's glad to be back with the city full-time.

"I worked as a part time employee here in parks since the layoff, and I'm just jumping back in now," she said. "I began as a clerk with the city and worked my way to parks and recreation. My biggest challenge is going to be making sure things run on time."

Cofied, who will earn \$38,036 per year in the position, officially took over the position March 27.

Mayor Alan Lambert said he's glad to have her back as well.

"Tanya worked for us previously and did a great job. She will be a valuable resource for the parks and recreation department."

Irwin and Cofied are taking control of the city parks programs at a crucial juncture. The new recreation center, which broke ground last year, is housed in the former Overhead Crane Co. facility.

The 70,000-square-foot project is a first in the city. Recreation employees will be administering more diverse athletic and artistic programs than ever before, and will be responsible for maintaining and managing a stand-alone facility for the first time.

Currently, the city counts on an agreement with the Romulus Community Schools to house programs, as well as other city facilities.

Irwin began her career in the city in 2002, when she was hired as the city recreation coordinator. In that position, she created new sports and leisure programs for residents, scheduled those



Tanya Cofied

programs and found venues where they could take place. She earned her bachelor's degree in corporate fitness from Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids.

Irwin went on to earn her master's degree in sports education from Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Buckley resigned unexpectedly in March. The city sought only internal candidates to fill the positions.

Inkster High gets threats

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Students got a rude awakening Tuesday morning when they learned an unknown caller left a bomb threat on the school voice-mail system at Inkster High School.

Schools Superintendent Thomas Maridada confirmed that about 500 students were evacuated after a caller said there was a bomb inside the school that would be detonated at 10 a.m.

"Once we received the call, of course we called the police immediately," he said. "We put our evacuation plans into place, and we had everyone off the premises by 9:30 a.m."

After about 35 teachers, security staff members and clerical employees ushered students from the school on Middlebelt Road to waiting school buses, they were transported to the Booker Dozier Recreation Complex. Parents were called shortly thereafter, Maridada said.

"We have a plan that we've talked about, but never had to implement," he said. "It went seamlessly - and were able to get a hold of most of the students' parents. We had to take about 50 back to the school after it was determined there was no bomb because we could not reach a parent."

All of the students received the rest of Tuesday off, but classes resumed at the high school the following day. No students or Inkster Schools employees were hurt in the transfer, said Maridada.

Once the building was vacated, Inkster Police Officers searched the building. The Wayne County Sheriff's Department brought bomb-sniffing dogs to the school. The facility was given the all clear a few hours later, sources at the scene said.

Deputy Police Chief Gregory Hill, through one of his command officers, would make no public comment about the situation, and directed all media inquiries to Maridada.

Bomb threats - even when determined to be a prank - are serious crimes since the 9-11 terrorist attacks. If the caller is found, he could be charged with making terrorist threats, a class A felony. A 17-year-old student attending Rochester High School in Rochester Hills was recently charged for a similar threat, and is facing 20-years in prison.

The threats are also becoming more common. The Inkster threat was the second in western Wayne County in three weeks - a 15-year-old was arrested for making threats at John Glenn High School in Westland. There was also a bomb threat at Northville High School last week.

News in brief

Books sought for library sale

The Romulus Public Library is asking residents to donate their excess books to the Friends organization for the annual book sale.

The sale is a fundraiser that helps the library maintain equipment and purchase items that it normally might not be able to afford. The money generated will also help the library fund the summer reading program.

Hardcover and soft cover books, as well as books on tape, will be accepted. The library is looking for both adult and children's books.

The book sale will take place in April but has not been scheduled yet.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Legal Aid schedules seminar

Legal Aid and Defender Association, Inc. will conduct a free outreach clinic on civil legal services for income-eligible residents of Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, including the City of Detroit, at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27 at the Romulus Senior Center, 36525 Bibbins St., Romulus.

Attendees are asked to register before 10:30 a.m., as a Legal Aid attorney will assist only those persons who have done so by that time.

For further information, contact Gina Polley, director of community relations and governmental affairs, by phone at (313) 964-4111, ext. 6440 or (877) 964-5310, or by e-mail at gpolley@ladadetroit.org.

Weed contract inked

Romulus City Council members voted Monday to award a three-year weed-cutting contract to Pritula and Sons Excavating, a company in the city.

The city solicited bids for the project, and received prices from three companies. The Romulus company was the second-lowest bidder for the project.

Pritula and Sons will charge \$.004 cents per square foot of weeds on city-owned property. The price will remain unchanged for the first two years of the contract, and will go up to \$.005 cents per square foot during the third year.

Purchasing Director Lynn Conway advised the city to sign with the company despite receiving a lower bid because the firm has more equipment and has worked with the city previously.

OPINION

Scoring a perfect 100

An eclectic group met in the meeting room at the Wayne Public Library last week.

Some were younger; others older; many were recognizable faces in the Wayne Community and others, less so.

But no name tags were required or desired for this group of altruists, who prefer to make their mark in the community without their name attached.

It was the Wayne 100 club, getting together to talk about another successful year.

It was quite a year, too. The group, founded by Jack Demmer, consists of roughly 100 people in the community who each donate \$100 to help people in need in the community. They don't seek publicity for it, nor advertise their successes.

Last year, they handed out 38 grants totaling more than \$12,000. The bulk of that came during the Christmas season. This distribution of those grants showed a sad trend in the community, too. Where once the grants were equally given to senior citizens and young families with children in need, last year, about 75 percent were given to families with elementary school aged children; parents who had been laid off from work and couldn't find other employment.

The organization doesn't seek accolades for the good work they do in the community, but we think they deserve it anyway. It's nice to see people doing good for the sake of doing good, helping out for the sake of helping out, changing lives for the better for the mere pleasure of helping their neighbors.

Anyone who cares to do a little math will notice something else, too. The Wayne 100 club donated more than \$12,000 last year – from a group of about 100 people that donate \$100. That tells you that a member – or members – probably gives more than that. Sure, we could speculate on who that might be, but we'd rather not. But that's OK, that's probably what he or she would prefer, anyway.

Good legislation, made better

Sometimes, subdivisions make sense.

That's the case with legislation recently proposed by State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton).

Senate Bill 1206 doesn't promote suburban sprawl, though, as much as it attempts to solve one of the problems associated with it. It makes it possible for a single Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to have two or more subdivisions. Currently a municipality can only have one DDA in its boundaries.

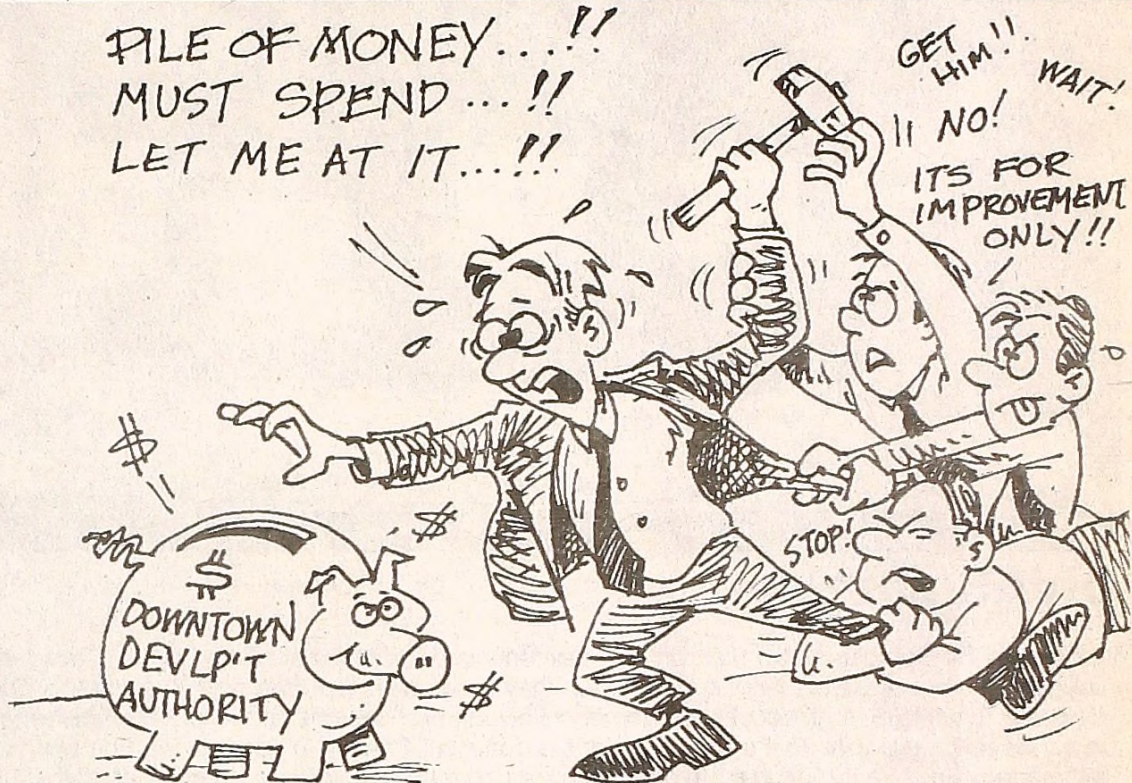
The legislation was modeled for Huron Township, which has three small downtowns, none of which are incorporated – New Boston, Willow and Waltz – even though they all have their own identities.

Downtown Development Authorities are the result of effective state legislation. It allows a municipality to form a district and then use the increase in taxable value within that district to fund improvements within the DDA. The improvements cause a further increase in value and the DDAs can then fund more improvements. Municipalities throughout western Wayne County – Northville and Plymouth are probably the best examples – have used this legislation to make significant advances in their downtown areas. The City of Wayne has also had success with it and the City of Westland finished the first phase of a streetscape plan last year.

Patterson's proposal would make the concept even better, as long as it is handled correctly – and that depends on the local officials, not the state government. Often, DDAs are so effective that they are the only entity within a municipality that has any money to spend on capital improvement projects – thanks to state limitations caused by reduced state-

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FILE OF MONEY...!!
MUST SPEND...!!
LET ME AT IT...!!



Is the next stop college?

If I believe everything people tell me, last Tuesday was the equivalent of the long climb up the steep slope of a roller coaster.

That's a strange thing to think about when you're sitting in an elementary school gym surrounded by curious parents and nervous children, but last Tuesday was kindergarten roundup day for the Wayne-Westland Community School District. Anyone who's ever raised a child will tell you – or at least, they're fond of telling me – that as soon as the kid starts kindergarten, life becomes a blur.

"Enjoy them while you can," they all said. "Pretty soon, they won't want to talk to you and it all goes by so fast."

The thought had been repeated to me dozens of times during the last five years. It was hard not to think about it last week. I had a hard time believing it, because everything seems to speed by at a break-neck pace, already.

"So, this is it," was what went through my head.

It's a strange experience, sitting in that room and I'm sure all the other parents would agree – or at least those who would be sending their first child off to school in a few months.

I looked around at the faces of the other children and their parents. So these kids would be my son's friends. These people would be the parents of my son's friends. They might even become mine; I'm friendly enough.

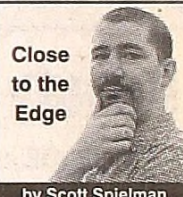
A few minutes later, I began to doubt that these other parents and I would ever have the time to form friendships.

Dan Briody, principal at Hoover Elementary School in Wayne, talked about the kinds of things that

students are expected to know before they get into the kindergarten classroom and what they'll learn by the time they leave. Math, social studies, computers, in kindergarten? Hoover is a Reading First school, which means the kindergarteners spend 90 minutes each day of literacy activities – reading, writing and other things designed to spark a desire to read.

I think it was at about that point that I started to feel more nervous than Henry did. I mean, it seems like my kindergarten experience was all naps, recess and finger-painting. He would have a curriculum – and a pretty tough one, at that. Parents don't have it much easier, if they do it right. We were advised to read to our children every day, stay involved in their education and get involved with the school, too. Teachers can do a lot for children, but it's the parents that are the crucial link. We got some tools last week to help us both, too.

In the Wayne-Westland District, senior citizen volunteers pack a free backpack with things that will help both journeys: there are plastic magnetic letters to practice with, a book to read, a t-shirt and more. The backpacks were ridiculously large – Henry is not a small 5-year-old and this thing still hung down to his ankles. Neither I nor my wife could figure out how to shorten it up, either, although we didn't try to hard. First impressions last forever, after all, and the last thing I wanted the parents of my kid's classmates to think of me was that I couldn't figure out a single cinch strap. Henry wore it with pride, though, as we walked back down the street. Funny, but he seemed to grow into it a little more with every step.



Close to the Edge
by Scott Spielman

Recall is not civic involvement

There has been talk recently about a possible recall of school board members in the Van Buren Public School District, but, like anything else, there's always more than one side to the story.

On one side of this issue is the recall committee. It is made up of residents opposed to the last school bond millage, who believe in most part that the bond proposal was largely overpriced, the location for a new high school was wrong and, overall, the district is not spending money toward student education.

On the other side is the citizens' committee to improve the schools. It made up of residents who helped create the past two school bond proposals and believe in both a new Belleville High School and the current school board members.

Then, there are the school district officials. They believe they have been as open with the community as possible about the issue by hosting numerous town hall meetings, listening to the voters and, in the end, gaining 1,000 more votes than the request

did in the prior bond election.

School administrators said that when anyone's talking about a recall of board members, they have to take it seriously.

Representatives at the Wayne County election office say the language for a recall petition must first be approved, and once cleared, a certain number of signatures must then be collected in order to file for a school board recall. If all that happens, the question would then be placed on an election ballot.

A school board recall is something that has never been done in the district before and I'm not sure if it's the answer to the bond issue.

The way I see it is if you're not happy about the way things are going, then do what you can to change it.

For starters, go to the school board meetings, go



King's Court
by Andrea King

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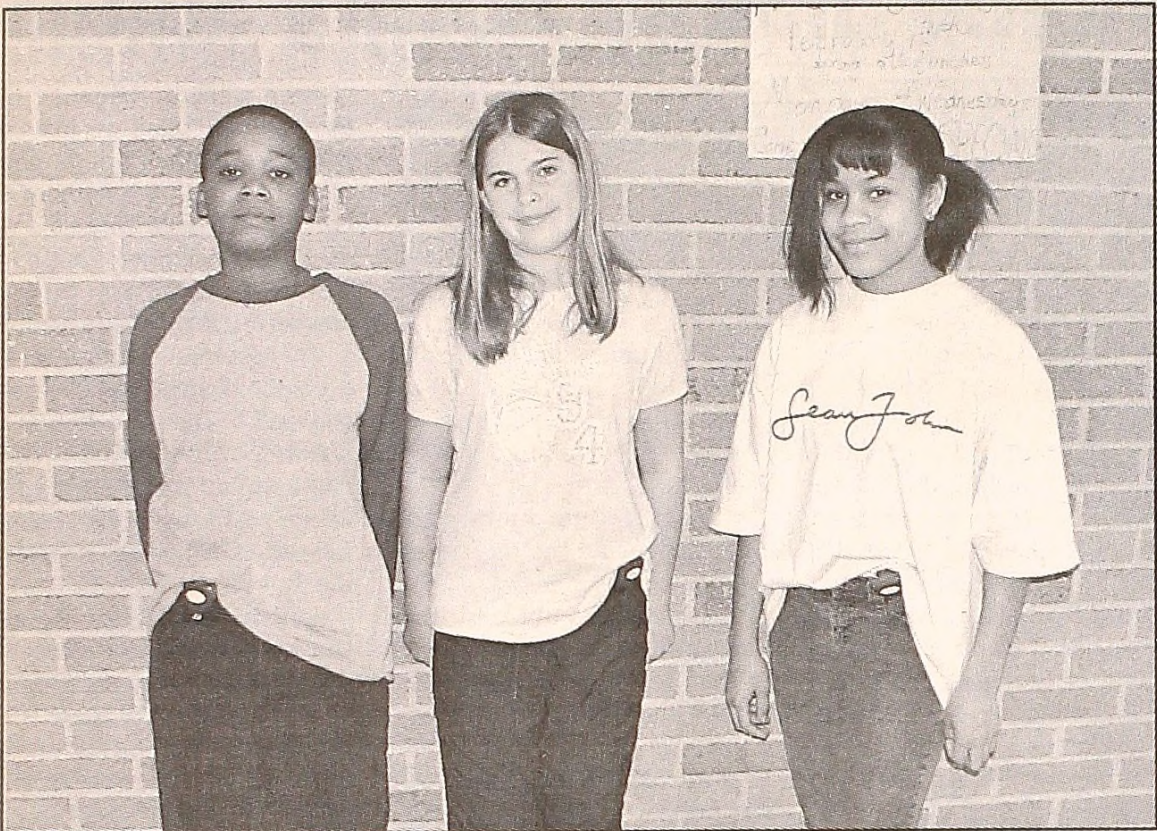
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Step on it

Sixth graders from North Middle School in Belleville recently ended Live It!—a new, national program encouraging youth to lead healthy, active lifestyles and reach President George Bush’s goal of “a healthier United States.” The students wore step meters and kept track of both individual activity levels and healthy food choices each day. In the end, the student that traveled the most steps from each of the sixth grade homerooms was awarded a personal AM/FM radio. The homeroom class that did the best received a class period in the gym. Winners of the week-long event were William Morgan, Katie Slone and Whitney Hicks.

Letters

Resident protests car use

To the editor:

I received some information about our city cars that are or will be used for personal use. I understand that certain people from the mayor on down will be able to use city cars for their own personal use and then re-pay the city 5 1/2 cents per mile. I can understand the fire chief and the police chief are on call 24 hours a day but some others that will be using city cars are not. Now who is to watch and keep records of miles driven for the city and miles for personal use? If a vehicle is used for personal use then that person should

re-pay or pay the going price for a gallon of gas.

I also understand that two new vehicles one for the mayor and another for an unknown person to use will be bought for their use. Now I for one feel that any person who is not on call 24-7 should drive their own car to work and then use a city car for city business. When I worked for General Motors they did not give me a car to use going back and forth to work so why should the citizens of Romulus pay for somebody to use a city car for that?

John Clark,
Romulus

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Legislation

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shared revenues and other municipal cuts. Consequently, there has been a trend to use these DDAs as a type of ‘cash cow’ to balance municipal budgets.

As long as this change doesn’t foster the desire to form additional piggy banks for municipal officials, the concept is a good one. It will help small townships throughout

the state as well as other municipalities where officials have wanted to spark economic development in areas other than their traditional downtowns. Again, Plymouth is an example here – something like this would help efforts to revitalize the Old Village area.

In a time when traditional downtowns are suffering from the preponderance of malls and other retail venues, Patterson’s legislation makes a good deal of sense. It gives locals another tool to help them help themselves.

Recall

FROM PAGE 4

to the school officials and go to the board members to tell them what you think and what you would like to see changed or not

changed in a future bond proposal. Be proactive and do whatever you can.

The school district has already said there will be a proposal back in the future. It could be a recommendation from the citizens’ committee group, it could be the same proposal as the last one, or, it could

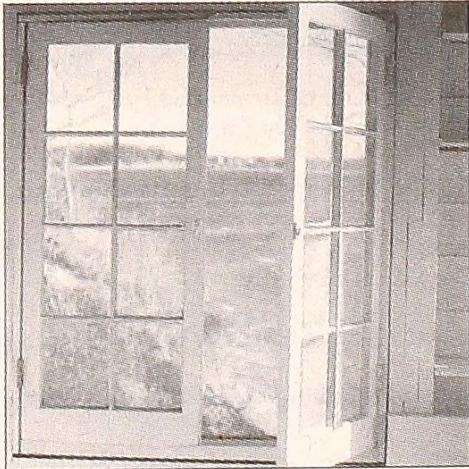
be a new proposal in August with site and price modifications.

No matter what, everything is subject to change, but ultimately, the choice is up to the people. Voters can choose to sit back and watch what happens or they can step-up and help make things happen.

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Board members to pursue district library status

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Fred C. Fischer Library is one step closer to becoming a district library.

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees recently approved the formation of a district library planning committee. Van Buren was the last of the three communities that use the library to do so. Now, the committee members will determine whether or not governance will be improved with an elected library board and study the need to seek voter approval to form a district library.

“This is the first step in moving forward in library plans,” said Cindy King, supervisor of Van Buren Township. “The work

would be significant and likely a watershed moment in the history of the Fred C. Fischer Library, considering it is far below state standards for public libraries in per capita funding, collection size per capita and space requirements based upon population.”

Since 2004, library officials have worked for improvements when they discovered the current library was not meeting the quality of service measured by the State of Michigan. The overall plan is to ensure that the library meets public demand and addresses future financial needs, according to officials.

“The library needs money. We are at less than half of the state average in funding,” said Library Director Deb Green. “The advan-

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Library Director Deb Green

tages of a district library is it's cost effective, we have more local control and we get a bigger bang for our buck.”

A district library could also provide for a variety of enhancements including improved governance, an expanded collection of materials, and even a more suitable library facility. It would be overseen by a board of directors instead of the city, and would enable the library to ask for millage support.

“We put our library users first and foremost,” said Green. “Our

library now is 10,760 square-feet and it should be at least 29,000 square feet and that's for our population six years ago. We need a bigger building and more books.”

Current Fischer library services are also affecting nearby community libraries.

The Canton Public Library has seen a recent influx of Belleville users and has more than 4,000 cardholders alone from the area.

“From 2004-2005 our numbers were down, but the numbers at

Canton were up because they have so much and we just can't compete with that,” said Green.

Jean Tabor, director of the Canton Public Library, said now they are considering limiting the Belleville users and possibly tacking on extra fees, as well.

“It's not something we want to do, but in the past we have done,” she said. “When you look at the numbers there's a lot being checked out of our library from other residents. Our board is interested in looking into this further.”

Unlike the Belleville area library, the Canton Library is mainly funded by property tax.

“We sell non-resident cards, but Canton residents are paying that in taxes whether they use the library or not,” said Tabor.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD MARCH 13, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear. Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout; William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.

Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison/Kersey, CMFA Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-098

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Croa to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romps City Council held March 6, 2006

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.

Nays - None.
Abstain - Gear.
Motion Carried.

06-099

4A1. - Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize City Attorney Barry Seifman to proceed as recommended in the Lonzo matter.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-100

4A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Mrs. Ruby M. Dugan.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to accept the Chairperson's Report

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-101

5A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to concur with the recommendation of Patrick McGow, Bond Counsel and Debra Hoffman, Finance Director and grant authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to execute the necessary documents to authorize the issuance of general obligation limited tax bonds in an amount not to exceed \$7,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of improvements to the water supply and sewage disposal system in the City including water main replacement and related appurtenances, attachments, associated fees and costs of issuance of the bonds, and to adopt the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Intent and Declaring intent to reimburse for expenditures

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-102

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Bragg to award Bid 05/06-27, single hauler waste collection and disposal program contract beginning April 1, 2006 and concluding on June 30, 2010 to Waste Management. Funds are budgeted for in account #226-4710-

747.74.10; Sanitation, Garbage & Rubbish Removal Account.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth
Nays - None
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-103

5C. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Sandra Rivers, Personnel Director and the Policy and Procedure Committee and adopt a resolution to authorize the revision to the City of Romulus Employee Policy and Procedures Manual with amendment to Policy 18, page 49.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None..
Motion Carried Unanimously

06-104

6A1. Motion by Burcroff supported by Braden to approve second reading and final adoption of Budget Amendments 05/06-27, introduced at the Council Meeting held March 6, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

6A2. No Action Taken.

06-105

6A3. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to concur with the Advisory Appointment Committee and reappoint Carol Harriff to the Romulus Cable Commission - term to expire March 13, 2009.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burrroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-106

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 06-05 in the grand total amount of Six Hundred Fifty Three Thousand, Five Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and Seventy One Cents (\$653,587.71).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays -None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy, of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held March 13, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: April 6, 2006

Maybury Farm seeks donations

Scott Spielman
Editor

The pastures are filling up at Maybury Farm.

Ten new animals welcomed the arrival of spring – baby goats and lambs that will soon be available for mass visitations.

Shari Peters, executive director of the Northville Community Foundation, said she wants to make sure that nobody will need binoculars to see them.

Peters said the foundation, which has assumed the operation of the farm, is taking on a new project that will bring people closer to the animals by constructing a fenced walkway down the pastures.

“We’d like to go the length of the pastures so if the animals are at the far end people will still be able to see them,” Peters said. “They’d be wide enough for tractors, too.”

It’s an expensive project, though, perhaps at much as \$50,000, so the foundation is looking to the community for support. Peters said she’s looking for donations of woods and funds to help build the fence. The needs list includes:

- 100 2x4x10 boards
- 20 2x4x14 boards
- 20 2x6x14 boards
- 330 feet of field fencing
- 600 4x8 fence posts
- 2,850 2x8x10 treated boards



Young lambs are among the 10 new additions at the farm. They’ll be put ‘out to pasture’ in a few weeks.

- 400 feet of split rail fencing and rails
- 16-foot gates or two 8-foot gates
- chain link fencing for the road area
- assorted nails and studs to put it all together.

The Northville Community Foundation took over the operation of the farm shortly after a fire destroyed the barns and killed most of the animals that lived there several years ago. A new barn has since been moved to the site and restored and the farm has largely been repopulated.

“We’ve got a lot of new animals right now,” Peters said. “Well, it is springtime.”

The farm is once again drawing the same kind of regional

interest it has in the past, with schools from Detroit to Brighton signed up for tours and other activities in the coming months.

“We’re so much bigger than Wayne County,” Peters said.

The farm is open to visitors, but is still on the winter schedule of noon to 5 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Peters said activities will soon be scheduled, such as a sheep shearing event at the end of April.

Soon, the new additions will be out playing with the rest of the animals, too, she said.

“Right now they’re so new we don’t put them out in the pastures,” she said.

Anyone wanting to donate to the effort can contact the foundation at (248) 374-0200.

School board cuts 2 staff positions

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Van Buren Public School Board members recently approved staff cuts that would result in a \$70,000 cost savings by a 4-3 vote.

As part of the new Belleville High School restructuring plan, officials said the layoff of two 35-hour high school paraprofessionals for the 2006-2007 school year is a way to bring down the cost and implement the plan.

The new high school curriculum will include: a switch from a six to seven period school day with 50-minute classes each, increased opportunities for students to enroll up to 15 elective credit units opposed to 10, an increase of “non-traditional” interaction between students and staff, changes in the graduation requirements from 26 total credits opposed to 22 and a six-level academic intervention plan for at-risk students.

As part of the academic intervention plan, students will take part in seminars for new students and incoming freshmen; course corrections if failure arises; tutoring services; an additional rebuilding seminar and evasive action if students are still failing classes.

Board members Toni Hunt, Ralph Nodwell and Keith

Johnston voted against the arts.

“This is not safe for the kids with no one in the front of the school to monitor who’s going in and out of the building,” Johnston said. “The problem is anyone can walk in the front doors of the high school. It’s important that we not cut this position.”

Principal Kevin Kelly said there will be other paraprofessionals who will remain on the job and they will continue to maintain a ‘pair of eyes’ in the front building, as well as in the high school parking lot.

“We can’t do it all,” said Board President David Peer. “We asked the high school to come up with ways to cut costs. We’re still looking at a deficit for this year. There are a lot of things I’m not happy with.”

Trustee Martha Toth said the restructuring plan is going to cost more than they thought.

“I hate to be nibbling away now. Sure, there will be unexpected costs, but like David said, we can’t do it all,” said Toth. “Making improvements at the high school is one of the reasons I think we didn’t lose students in February.”

According to school administrators, implementing staff cuts now will allow laid off staff members to bid on any other 35-hour positions that may become available.

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THE SCENE

ICE AGE 2 THE MELTDOWN

The creators of *Ice Age The Meltdown* know where the strength of their film is.

Whenever the storyline bogs down — and it does often — they flash back to Scrat and his continual pursuit of an acorn to wake up the audience. It's a good trick and it works, because of all the characters that return from the first film, Scrat is the one who weathers the transition best.

Meltdown continues the story of Manny the Mammoth (Ray Romano) and his small herd that consists of Diego, a saber tooth tiger (Denis Leary) and Sid the sloth (John Leguizamo).

This time around, they're not trying to save a human baby, they're trying to save themselves. The glacial ice dam that surrounds the valley they live in is melting and if they don't find higher ground — or a huge hollowed out log that will serve as a boat — within three days, they'll all end up on the wrong side of the water.

So begins the long trek to safety.

Manny, in the meantime, is feeling a bit lonely because he's afraid that he's the last of his species. This hasn't gone unnoticed by the members of his herd, who have different reactions. Sid sings songs about it. Diego is a little more sensitive, but I don't

know why he doesn't share the same apprehension about his own kind.

Along the way, though, they find that Manny's fears have been misplaced. They come across a female mammoth named Ellie (Queen Latifah) and her two 'brothers' Eddie (Josh Peck) and Crash (Seann William Scott). Eddie and Crash are possums, and they have Ellie believing she is, too. She even sleeps hanging upside down from trees, or at least until the branch breaks.

Their subplot follows the conventional timeline: mammoth meets mammoth. Mammoth is attracted to mammoth. Mammoth loses mammoth and mammoth returns to save mammoth.

The original *Ice Age* was one of those family films that actually appealed to the whole family. This one will probably be liked more by children than adults, despite attempts by screen writers Peter Gaulke, Gerry Swallow and Jim Hecht to sprinkle in some older humor (which, by the way, fell a little flat. I wasn't pre-

pared to explain to my 5-year-old son what a 'pervert' is). Scrat supplies most of the laughs in the film.

The animation is top of the

line, of course, and scenes where the glacier breaks open and the flood tears through the valley are

pretty impressive. Other than that, though, the film is a little dull.

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

Kid's Corner

By Henry Spielman

This was the best movie ever. I've been waiting for this movie for a whole year!

I like the parts where Scrat was chasing the nut. He got his tongue stuck on the ice and then he filled up with water and blew up like a balloon! It was so funny.

The two possums (Eddie, voiced by Josh Peck of Nickelodeon's *Drake and Josh*, and Crash, voiced by Seann William Scott) were very silly, too. I liked it when Manny (Ray Romano) shot him out of the tree. Mammoths don't sleep in trees, you know.

This was a good movie. I liked it better than the first one.



Holiday events welcome spring throughout area

With less than two weeks before Easter, holiday activities are blossoming throughout area communities. Here are some ideas for families searching for affordable Easter fun.

Belleville

Flop E. Bunny to come to Belleville

The Belleville Central Business Community will host their annual Easter event from noon to 2 p.m. on April 15 at Victory Park, located at the five points intersection in downtown Belleville. Children will be able to visit and take pictures with Flop E. Bunny, as well as receive Easter treats. For more information, contact the chamber of commerce at (734) 697-7151.

Van Buren to host annual marshmallow drop

Van Buren Township will host a pancake breakfast and marshmallow drop Saturday at township hall. The breakfast will take place

from 8-9:45 a.m. in the community center. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$5 for children, which includes the marshmallow drop. The first marshmallow drop will start at 10 a.m. in the softball field. Children will be able to turn in at least one marshmallow for a prize. Tickets for the marshmallow drop only are \$2. For more information, contact the recreation department at (734) 699-8921.

Canton

Canton celebrate Easter Egg Extravaganza

Canton children 10 and under are invited to the annual township Easter Egg Extravaganza from 9:30-11 a.m. on April 15. The extravaganza will take place at the Canton Sports Center, located at 46555 Michigan Ave. Youngsters will hunt the grounds of the softball center for "goodies," enjoy a visit from the Easter bunny, egg coloring and more.

Call Bob Dates at (734) 394-5460 for more information.

Summit hosts Easter brunch

The Summit on the Park in Canton will host a special brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 16. The Summit is located at 46000 Summit Pkwy. The brunch will include a visit from the Easter bunny. Tickets for adults are \$24.95; children 4-12, \$12.95 and those 3 and under will be admitted free.

For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Northville

Dance 'hops' into town

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department will host a spring family sock hop - The Bunny Hop at the Senior Community Center. Attendees will dance to current and classic hits, make crafts, design cookies with Great Harvest Bread Co., savor some treats and visit the spring bunny. The Bunny Hop will take place from 4-6 p.m. on Saturday at the Senior Community Center at

303 W. Main in downtown Northville. Tickets are \$10 per person, and can be purchased at the Recreation Center at Hillside (700 W. Baseline, Northville). For more information, call (248) 349-0203 x1411.

Romulus

Library hops on Easter crafts

The Romulus Public Library Easter craft sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. April 11. The free event will feature craft projects and egg decorating for preschool to elementary school-age children. The number of seats available is limited, so pre-registration is required for this event. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Westland

Westland Civitans host Bunny Brunch

The Westland Civitans will host their annual

Bunny Brunch from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at V.F.W. Post 3323 in Westland. The event will feature all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, and beverages as well as special treats for children, visits with the Easter bunny, and an Easter bonnet parade. Tickets for the event are \$3 for those 1-12 years old and \$5 for ages 13 and older and may be purchased in advance at the Bailey Recreation Center or at the door. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be \$2 or families can bring their own camera. All children must be supervised. V.F.W. Post 3323 is located at 1055 South Wayne Road between Cherry Hill and Palmer roads. To purchase tickets, visit the Bailey Recreation Center, located at 36651 Ford Road behind Westland City Hall. For more information, call Donna Jensen at (734) 729-8075.

Jaycees honor tradition with Easter egg hunt

The Westland Jaycees and the

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Events

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Westland Parks and Recreation Department will host a free Easter egg scramble for kids from 1-4 p.m. Saturday at Jaycee Park. The scramble will be broken down by age level. Participants should bring a bag or basket for their eggs. The event will also feature inflated games, special activities, and refreshments.

Jaycee Park is located at the corner of Wildwood and Hunter roads next to the Modano Ice Arena.

In the event of rain, contact the Westland Parks and Recreation Department after 11:30 a.m. at (734) 722-7620 to verify cancellation.

Westland offers Easter crafts class

Westland Parks and Recreation will host Easter Delight Night from 4:45-6 p.m. Monday. Students between the ages of 3-12 years old will be able to make their own Easter eggs and an Easter basket. The class includes a visit from the Easter Bunny. The cost of the program is \$5 per child in advance plus a \$2 supply fee to the teacher on the night of the class. Students must pre-register by tomorrow. An adult must accompany children younger than 5. For more information, contact the department at (734) 722-7620.

Wayne

Wayne County Hosts Marshmallow Drop

The 21st Annual Marshmallow Drop will take place at Nankin Mills Park in Westland at 11 a.m. on April 14. Sponsored by the Wayne County Parks system, the event will feature thousands of marshmallows falling from a helicopter over the park. Children have the opportunity to retrieve a marshmallow for a prize. There will be only one



Members of the First Congregational Church of Wayne are presenting a re-enactment of Leonardo DaVinci's painting, The Last Supper at 7 p.m. on April 13. All are invited to the free event, which will show what the 12 apostles said to Jesus during the Last Supper. For more information, call (734) 721-9300.

prize per person. Nankin Mills Park is located on Hines Drive, just east of Ann Arbor Trail. For more information, contact the Wayne County Parks at (734) 261-1990 or visit their web site at www.waynecounty-parks.org.

Last Supper revisited

The Wayne-Westland First United Methodist Church and the First Congregational Church of Wayne are presenting a re-enactment of Leonardo DaVinci's painting, *The Last Supper* on

April 13 (above). All are invited to the free event, which will show what the 12 apostles said to Jesus during the Last Supper. For more information, call (734) 721-9300.

Marshmallow Drop returns

The 27th Annual Marsh-mallow Drop will take place on Friday, April 14 at the Anderson Ball fields in Attwood Park (adjacent to the Community Center).

The first drop, for walking toddlers to children aged 4 years or children with disabilities will take place at 10 a.m. The sec-

ond drop is for children aged 5-7 and the third drop is for children aged 8-10 years old. The program is free.

Easter Bunny comes to breakfast

Tickets are now on sale for The Bunny Breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, juice, arts and crafts and clowns. The event will take place from 10:45-11:45 a.m. on Friday, April 14 at the Wayne Community Center at Howe and Annapolis roads. Tickets are \$4 for residents and \$5 for non-residents.

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OBITUARIES

HAY, Hazen

Hazen P. "Ping" Hay, 85, of Romulus, died March 9.

Among his survivors are his wife, Dorothy M. (Nelson) Hay; children, Larry (Marion) Hay of Delaware and Karen S. Gregory of Florida; brothers, Robert A. Hay of Indian River, Fred (Helen) Hay of Romulus, Jack (Kathy) Hay of South Lyon; six grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

Mr. Hay, known as Ping, served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was the owner of Hay Plumbing and Heating from 1982 until 1985. He was a member of Romulus VFW 9568.

Funeral services were at the Community United Methodist Church of Belleville with the Rev. John Grenfell III officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

CLEVINGER, William

William R. "Bob" Clevenger, 78, of Wayne, formerly of Belleville, died March 26.

Among his survivors are his wife of more than 56 years, M. Faye (Williams) Clevenger; children, Michael (Lisha) Clevenger of Dexter, Steve (Vicki) Clevenger of Southand, Sis (Dave) Morrison of Westland, Diane (Tony) Mayberry of Wayne, Janet (Dennis) Rowe of Woodhaven and Robin (Keith) Bush of Dearborn Heights; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, Bud (Betty Lou) Clevenger of Kentucky; a sister, Pat (Jim) Kiser, also of Kentucky; a brother-in-law, Jay Warden and a sister-in-law, Anna Clevenger, both of Kentucky, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Clevenger served in the U.S. Army. He retired from General Motors after many years of service as a supervisor.

Funeral services were at the David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville with Pastor Roger Stombaugh officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Interment of cremains was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

LEE, Anna

Anna H. Lee, 71, of Romulus, died March 10.

Among her survivors are her husband, Robert E. Lee; sons, Alan (Sharon) Lee of Chesterfield Township, Kenneth (Herminia) Lee of Romulus and Roger Lee; brothers, Otto (Kay) Farnholz of Canada and Robert (Shirley) Farnholz, also of Canada; sisters, Freida Kypsch of Canada, Erna Armstrong of Florida and Hildagard Lend Farnholz of Canada; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Pastor Robert J. White of Grace Baptist Church in Belleville officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

GREGG, Richard

Richard E. "Rick" Gregg, 43, of Westland, died March 28.

Among his survivors are his parents, James E. and Loretta A.S. (Tallman) Gregg of Kentucky; his son, Travis Hashbarger of Tennessee; daughters, Bobbie Gregg of New York and Christina Gregg of Grass Lake; brothers, John Gregg of Dearborn and James (Gayle) Gregg of Romulus, and his companion and partner, Sandra Strong.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. William Kren of Community United Methodist Church officiating.

Interment was at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West in Westland.

Belleville Rotary Club seeks members

The Belleville Rotary Club is looking for new members.

Belonging to the organization gives men and women an enjoyable and organized way to make a contribution to the community. Members meet weekly to plan club, community and international service activities. By using their skills and expertise globally, members also enhance their professional network, career development and cross-cultural understanding, according to club literature. Rotary also provides opportunities to meet other business, professional and community leaders; make new friends; extend networks and share success, according to club members.

Since 1939, Belleville Rotary has continuously served the community with events and programs such as: weekly book donations to the Fred C. Fischer Library, annual Belleville High School scholarships, the parade lineup for the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade, the pancake breakfast for the Belleville National Strawberry Festival and the Fat Tuesday Italian dinner.

Through the Charles B. Cozadd Foundation, the Belleville Rotary has also assisted in the purchase of medical defib-

rillators, ice rescue equipment and the fire and smoke safety house for area fire departments; stuffed koala bears for traumatized children; the preservation of the historic Riggs farmhouse and the new Habitat for Humanity House on Savage Road. The Belleville Rotary is also a participant in the annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Rotary International also sponsors some of the world's largest youth exchange, educational exchange and scholarship programs. The club provides innovative training opportunities and mentoring for young leaders and involves family members in a wide range of social and service activities. One example is the Polio Plus program, which is an initiative to eradicate polio worldwide by generating more than \$600 million with partners like the World Heath Organization, UNICEF and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The club meets at 6:15 p.m. every Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church, located at 417 Charles St. in Belleville. For more information, contact Keith Bruder at (734) 461-2498 or visit www.bellevillerotary.org.

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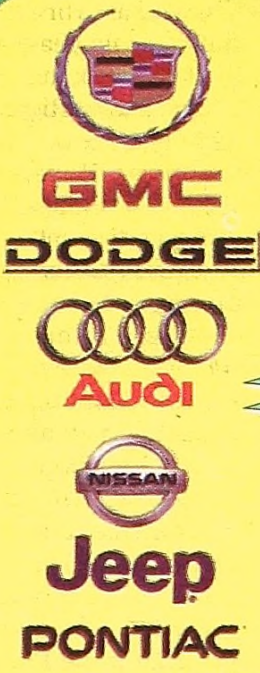
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Donations sought to bring 'Wall' to area

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

It's been more than 30 years since American troops left Vietnam, but the memory of those who never made it home survives.

This summer, that memory will become more tangible as the Vietnam Moving Wall—a half-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.—will come to Westland. One of three in the country, the moving wall is 250 feet long and contains the names of the 58,175 Americans who died in Vietnam.

To make that happen, though, event organizers need some help.

According to Ken Mehl, spokesperson for the group of citizens organizing the display and a decorated Vietnam veteran in his own right, they have made several attempts in the past to bring the wall to the community.

"We're lucky to have it," said Mehl. "We had been turned down three or four times before."

The main problem, he said, is that planners were determined to have the wall in place during the Westland Summer Festival, which takes place annually in the days preceding the Fourth of July.

"That's the highest week requested of any week," he said.

The wall will open with a memorial ceremony at 4 p.m. on June 29 and will remain open 24



hours a day through July 4. Mehl said that he has already received a strong outpouring of support

from Michigan veterans. The veterans, he said, view the wall both as a chance for people to remember those who didn't make it home and to encourage the public to show their respect for the men and women who risked their lives to support their country in a controversial battle—an honor the sol-

diers often didn't receive at the time.

The wall also gives parents a

Americans, he said.

"There are a lot of people who have never been to Washington, D.C.," he said.

"This gives everyone an opportunity to see it."

Volunteers are still needed for dozens of tasks related to the project, from helping visitors find the name of a loved one on the wall to the assembly—and disassembly—of the monument. More than 100

volunteers from communities throughout the region have committed to the project, but Mehl said that the group is still searching for others willing to help. Volunteers are asked to commit to a three-hour long shift and shifts are available 24 hours a day.

The group can use financial help, too.

"We're assuming that we will need to raise at least \$10,000," said Mehl.

Among other costs, he said that the group needed to raise \$4,500 to rent and transport the wall, another \$3,000 to buy shirts for all of the volunteers that would make them identifiable in the crowd, and fees for printing, publicity, and other necessities.

"Whatever money is left, we're going to split between the two veterans hospitals—Ann Arbor and Detroit," he said.

To help raise funds for the project, commemorative t-shirts and buttons are available for purchase at the office of the Westland City Clerk. The shirts, which were designed by a Vietnam veteran who donated use of the design for this project, are \$20 for sizes M-XL, \$21 for 2X, and \$22 for 3X. Souvenir buttons will also be available for \$3 each. The city clerk's office is located at 36601 Ford Road in Westland City Hall.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Mehl at (734) 261-5955.

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SPORTS



Whaler center John Armstrong (18) tries to sweep the puck past Windsor goalie Anthony Guadagnolo in a 2-1 Spitfire victory last Tuesday.

Whalers loss forces decisive game 7

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

As expected, the Plymouth Whaler and Windsor Spitfire playoff match-up has proven to be a remarkable series—one that will now span the entire seven games.

On Sunday night, the Spits overcame a three-goal deficit to secure a 7-4 victory at their home arena.

It looked like the Whalers were ready to move on to the next round of the playoffs when they took a 4-1 lead in the first period. Little did they anticipate that Windsor goalie Anthony Guadagnolo would stop the other 32 shots that came his way.

Plymouth's John Armstrong started the first-period barrage of goals just 1:15 into the session. Steve Ward and James Neal assisted on the goal.

Windsor replied with a power-play score from Brad Snetsinger less than a minute later to knot things up, 1-1. That would be Windsor's lone goal of the frame but not their last of the game – they scored three in each of the remaining periods.

First, Plymouth would bang home three more in the opening frame.

Neal scored his fourth of the series on a short-handed run down the ice at the 6:23 mark. Goalie Justin Peters was credited with the assist on the play. Plymouth made it 3-1 when Andrew Fournier, with help from Ryan McGinnis and Wes Cunningham, scored on a power play at 13:08. Fournier scored again on another man-advantage with about four minutes left to play in the first. That time Zack Shepley and John Vigilante notched the assists.

The Whalers went to the locker room with

a 4-1 advantage, not knowing that whatever happened in the first period would be swept away by the Zamboni during the intermission.

The Spits came out on fire after the break, opened the second period with three goals in about eight minutes, and shut out the Whalers at the same time. Plymouth was called for four penalties in a six-minute span—five if you count Merlini's interference call at 19:28 of the first period—that resulted in three power plays, including two 5-on-3 disadvantages. Windsor scored on all three power plays.

Peter Aston (1:26), Cal O'Reilly (6:13) and Mitch Maunu (8:03) each scored a power-play goal for the Spitfires to equalize the contest, 4-4.

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Canton hitters win, tie Lakers in doubleheader

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs got the baseball season rolling last week with a doubleheader at home against West Bloomfield.

The results were promising with the Chiefs coming out ahead, 13-3, in the first game and tying 3-3 in the second.

"We feel pretty good about the season," said Canton coach Scott Dickey. "We're strong up the middle with our shortstop and catcher and obviously with

(Shawn) Little pitching. We have strong senior leadership."

Senior shortstop Justin Latin, senior pitcher and left-fielder Little and catcher Tarik

Khasawneh are the only three players returning from last year's squad. All three players were all division last season. Little was the team's second best hitter with a .375 average. Khasawneh, hailed as one of the best catchers in the area by Dickey, is a consistent .300 hitter.

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Canton's Corey Lewis pitched a combined three innings in the Chief's opening doubleheader against West Bloomfield last Thursday night. Canton won the first game, 13-3, and tied the second, 3-3.

Sports rundown

Whalers Playoff Recap

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Windsor 2 at Plymouth 3
Game 6—Sun., April 2
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Game 7—Tues., April 4
Windsor at Plymouth, 7:30 pm
(Check www.journalgroup.com for latest update).

Detroit Pros host tryouts

Darryl Greene, a former Inkster resident, is looking for a few good basketball players to fill out his International Basketball League (IBL) Detroit Pros.

Greene has scheduled an open tryout for his minor league team from 12 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at the Booker T. Dozier Recreation Center in Inkster.

It will cost basketball hopefuls \$100 to participate.

Greene said the fee is to help cover center's rental cost and equipment.

The Detroit Pros schedule isn't finalized yet but Greene anticipates an early to mid-May start. The schedule will include a week-long trip to the west coast, he said.

The team, in its second year, will be coached by long-time Dearborn Heights Robichaud coach Warren Woods and will play its home games at the Booker T. Dozier Center.

Tryout registration forms can be picked up at the recreation center located at 2025 Middlebelt Rd. in Inkster. For more information contact Darryl Greene at (313) 971-1855.

Greene recently bought the rights to the Toledo team that is set to compete in the 2007 (IBL) season.

Plymouth to play in Big Day Prep Showdown

The Plymouth Wildcat football team was selected to be a part of the 2006 Big Day Prep Showdown II—a football extravaganza set to kick off the high school gridiron season.

Plymouth is scheduled to play Hudsonville at 2:30 pm on Saturday, August 26 at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium.

Tickets are available at Plymouth High School and will cost students \$7 and adults \$9 in advance. Children age six and under are free. All game tickets will be \$10 at the gate.

For more information on the event, call 313-202-1982 or visit www.bigdayprepshowdown.com.

SPORTS

Plymouth baseball overcomes battle with Belleville

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There were 36 runs scored when the Belleville Tigers and the Plymouth Wildcats took to the diamond for a doubleheader on Saturday in Belleville.

Plymouth came out on top in both games.

The Wildcats trailed 8-6 heading into the seventh and final frame of the first contest but rattled the Tigers with seven runs at the top of the frame for a 13-8 victory.

Plymouth's Nate McManus ripped a 2-run double to tie the score in the top of the 7th. Then five of the next six batters reached base by means of a walk

to take the lead, according to Plymouth Coach Chuck Adams.

He said right fielder Tyler Locklear had a great backhand diving catch on a sinking liner to double up a man on second and keep them in close range, heading into the final frame. He also went 2-for-3 from the plate.

Bryan Stotz started on the mound and gave up six runs in four innings of work. McManus relieved him and gave up two runs in the last three innings, blanking them in the final 2 frames for the win.

Matt Pinter had five hits including a double for the Tigers. Brenden Madaj added a double and Phil Sullens collected two hits. Mark Lynch recorded the

loss from the mound.

"It's a little disappointing," said Belleville Coach Chris Dessellier. "We looked so good during the off-season so this was tough for us. Plymouth played well. They did good things and capitalized on them."

The second game came down to a stellar performance on the mound by Plymouth's Locklear.

He stepped atop the hill at the top of the fifth with the Plymouth holding onto a one-run lead, 8-7, and shut the door on the strong Belleville hitters.

"We are going to need more of the same from him and others if we plan to accomplish our goals this season," Adams said.

Alex Harvey started and gave

up all seven runs over four innings of work.

It was a pretty good day for Plymouth sluggers, too. Garret Rebain had two hits and collected four RBIs. Ben Kozmalski had three hits and Alex Harvey, two.

"I'm pleased with the way we came out and played to open the season," Adams said. "Getting a couple of wins in the pocket is a great way to start. I was proud of the way we battled back in the top of the 7th in the first game. Nate McManus double to tie it in the 7th, sounded like a crack of thunder to wake us up and hopefully get this season going in the direction we hope it can go."

Alex Pinter had three hits, Kevin Vandrivier two hits and

Madaj added another doubled.

The losses may have been disappointing for Dessellier and his Tigers but he's maintaining a positive attitude.

"I had high hopes for this team and I still have high hopes for this team," he said. "I'm excited to see what they can do when they all come together as a team."

Belleville heads to Eastern Michigan University (EMU) to play East Kentwood in a doubleheader at 6 p.m. on Saturday. They host Taylor Kennedy at 4 p.m. on Monday.

Plymouth heads to Northville at 4 p.m. on Friday night and heads to EMU to take on West Bloomfield in a doubleheader at 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Young, talented Zebra kickers start season 1-1-1

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

When talking about soccer in the Western Lakes Activities Association, schools like Northville, Canton and Salem normally rise to the top of discussion.

A school like Wayne, known for being a football kind of town, receives little notoriety as a girls' soccer Mecca. However, last year's very young team is back in action and could prove to move up in the topic-of-conversation rankings.

The team only lost senior midfielder Katie Sweeney and senior defender Heather Hardy from last year's squad and are retuning 13 players to the field.

Senior forward Becky Sikora will lead the offense. She has already scored five goals in the team's first two games this season. Junior forwards Chrissy Jones and Kellie Newsted will join her up front. Both were contributors on last year's team.

Seniors Kelly McDonald, Katie Moro and Heather Wilson and sophomores Whitney Jacobs and Nicole Jarvis will solidify the middle. All are returning players.

Returning defenders Jackie Dest and Jill Rudy, both seniors, will help secure the backfield along with experienced juniors Brittney Neighbor and Danielle Borg. Senior Angie Jones returns between the posts.

Newcomers include juniors Chelsey Odom, Elizabeth Hardy and Amanda Vacheresse on defense; freshman midfielder Kristen Miller; and sophomore forward Katie Bennett and freshmen forwards Brittney Pruett and Samantha Dye.

Head Coach Larry Brenner feels that it is anyone's game—everybody on the team will have the opportunity to battle for more time on the field.

"We have seven strong newcomers who will be challenging our veterans for the starting positions and some talented JV players who are more than ready to step up to varsity if our veterans lose their intensity," he said.

"We've picked up some speed at both offense and defense. This may be the most talented group of players at Wayne Memorial in the last five years."

Wayne proved they have substance and a goal scorer in Sikora when they hosted Mega Red Conference's Allen Park on Friday night.

Sikora scored all three of the team's tallies in the 3-0 shutout. She scored three minutes into the first half with an assist from MacDonald then scored twice more in the second with Newsted assisting on both.

Brenner said the defensive unit of Borg, Dest, Hardy, Odom, Rudy and Vacheresse limited the

Jaguars to just nine shots on net. Angie Jones did the rest between the posts to record the shutout.

On opening day last Tuesday, the Lady Zebras tied Redford Thurston, 3-3.

Nicole Tolentino scored first for the Eagles at the 20-minute mark of the first half. Sikora retaliated on a free kick nine minutes later and then again three minutes later to give Wayne a 2-1 lead. Chrissy Jones added the Zebras' third goal with about seven minutes left in the first half.

MacDonald assisted on both the goals.

The second belonged entirely to Thurston's Tolentino who scored two more goals to knot the game up, 3-3.

Wayne fell, 3-0, to Garden City in their latest contest on Monday night.

The Cougars scored all three of their goals in a five-minute span in the second to coast to the victory. The Zebras are now 1-1-1 and will head to Grosse Ile High School for a 4 p.m. match on Friday.

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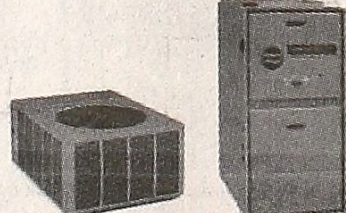
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SPORTS

Chiefs

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In the first game against West Bloomfield, Latin was 3-for-4 with two doubles and two RBI. In the second he was 1-for-2.

Little pitched the first four innings in the first game, allowing four hits, two walks and earning one strikeout.

Shawn Ruman is the only other senior on the team and will hold down first base and share in the pitching duties.

The rest of the team was brought up from the junior varsity team that went 24-5 last year.

Blaine Paden at first, Chris Woudstra and Keith Campbell at second and John Puskar at third will round out the infield. Corey Lewis has already seen some time on the mound and Jessie Pletsch will back up Latin at shortstop. Other outfielders include Kyle Gring, Brad Barath, Brian Brubaker and sophomore Ben Vaughn. Caleb Lerner and Ryan Waidmann will back up first base.

Gring has already proved his worth at the plate. Against West Bloomfield he went 3-for-4 with a double, a triple and two RBIs in the first game and hit a single with an RBI in the second. Puskar also had a hit and an RBI in the second game.

Lewis closed out the final inning of the first contest and allowed one hit and one walk. In the second, he led off the first two innings, giving up three walks and two hits with one strikeout. Lerner pitched two, striking out three and only



Canton's Kyle Gring rounds third base in the second game of a doubleheader last Thursday night. He had a single and an RBI in the game that followed a 3-for-4 performance in the first game with a double, a triple and two RBIs.

giving up one hit.

Drew Rambo had a three-run homer for West Bloomfield.

"I think we have one of the toughest non-league schedules," Dickey said. "We play some tough teams like Divine Child, Swartz Creek, Brother Rice and West Bloomfield to help us get ready for league play. The goal is to improve on last year's numbers."

The Chiefs went 13-19 over all, 6-4 in division and 8-8 in conference play.

Lady Chiefs ready for season

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There's not much room for improvement when a team wins its first 30 games, makes it to the regional finale and finishes the season 36-2.

However, Canton softball coach Jim Arnold hopes his team this year can at least match the stated accomplishments of last year's team.

"It will be hard to do," he said. "I think we're as strong as we were with good pitching, infield and outfield. I think we'll be pretty strong again this year."

Arnold will have to do it without star slinger Molly Conlon who graduated after a 24-1 season. He shouldn't have too many worries with a group of rising stars on the horizon.

Juniors Sarah Anthony and Stephanie Sadek and sophomore Hillary Payne will step into the circle to take Conlon's place. Anthony went 5-0 last year and Payne, 4-0.

Sadek will also be used as a utility player when needed while Anthony and Payne could see time in the infield when not pitching, Arnold said.

A new host of seniors will anchor the majority of starting positions this year. Ashley Trent will hold down first base. Rachel Wade at second, Brittney Scero at third and Tiffany Quiroz are all seniors that will flesh out the infield. Rachel Beaudoin, Krista Holcomb and Chelsea Quiroz are seniors who will try to keep the ball off the grass in the outfield. Chelsea

Quiroz could be rotated into the infield as well.

Junior shortstop Lauren Delapaz is one of the few underclassmen to solidify a spot in the infield. The same goes for junior Alyssia Johnson in the outfield.

Arnold will also have a good group of junior newcomers on the team.

Mary Kate McWhirter and Kim Beaudoin could both see time behind the dish and in the infield. Kimmy Keppen is a first baser and Laura Ditzer and Abbey Skrzypek could rotate into the outfield.

Canton played Brighton in a scrimmage last week. The outcome wasn't defined but Arnold liked what he saw from his team.

"We hit a lot of good hard balls with a lot of singles," he said. "Our defense is pretty strong and could be as good as last year as well as the offense."

The team's offense set a new school record last year with a .350 hitting average. Scero should be a force again this year. She hit .416 last year with 12 RBIs and 34 runs. Wade has already committed to Ferris State University and Payne, a lefty, should contribute with the bat.

Delapaz hit a triple her first time at bat to stand out in the scrimmage.

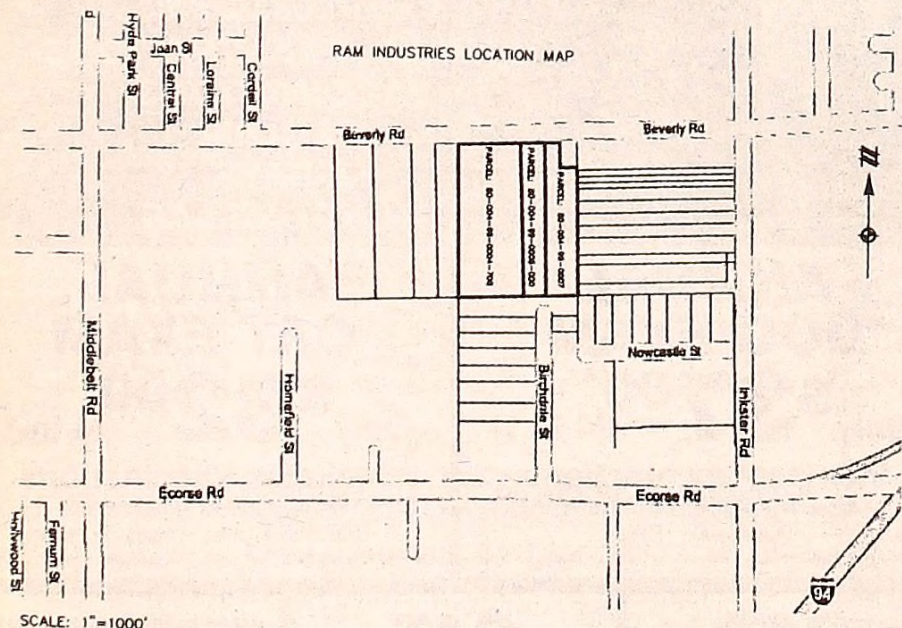
Anthony faced the first 15 batters from the circle and allowed just one run and earned four strikeouts. Sadek only allowed one run and struck out three against the last 14 hitters.

"This team is unique," Arnold said. "They're bonding together already and are anxious to get the season started."

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SPECIAL LAND USE RAM INDUSTRIES

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at **7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2006**, for the purpose of considering a Special Land Use proposal. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a request to establish a truck repair facility for fleet trucks and dumpsters on a parcel of land located at 28035 Beverly Road, parcel #'s **82-80-004-99-0004-700, 82-80-004-99-0006-000, 82-80-004-99-0007-000**. The parcel is zoned MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District. This type of facility is permitted in the MT-2, Industrial Transportation 2 District, subject to Special Land Use Approval. Copies of the application are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.



All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Monday, April 17, 2006, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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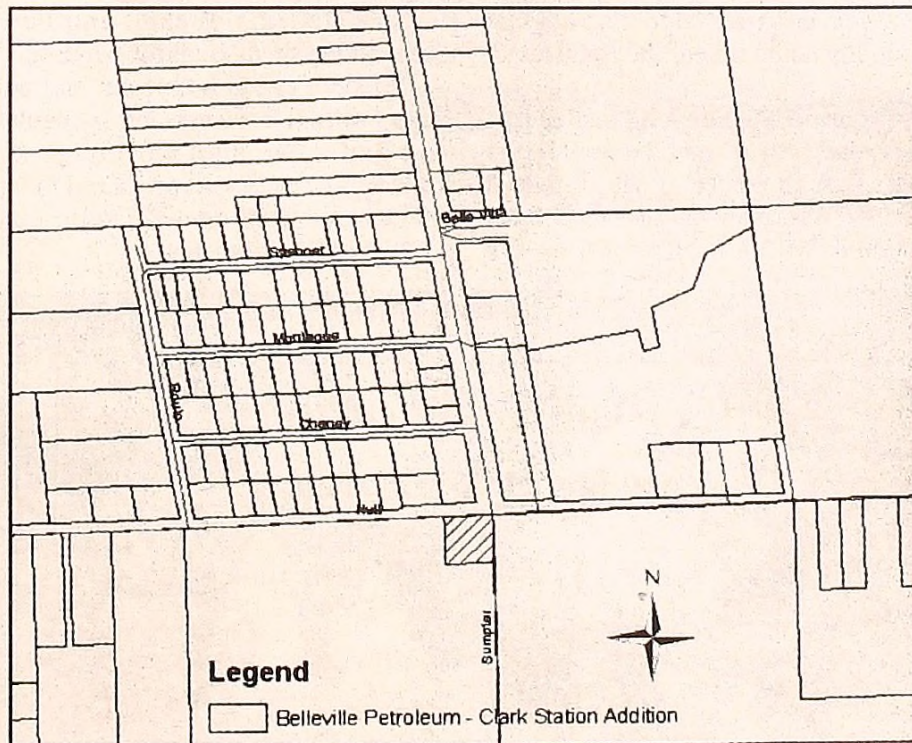
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Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday, April 12, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a zoning change on the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-129-99-0002-002 also known as 15400 Sumpter Road is proposed to be rezoned from C (Local Business) to C-1 (General Business). This property is located on the northwest corner of Sumpter and Hull Road just north of Bemis Road.

A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:

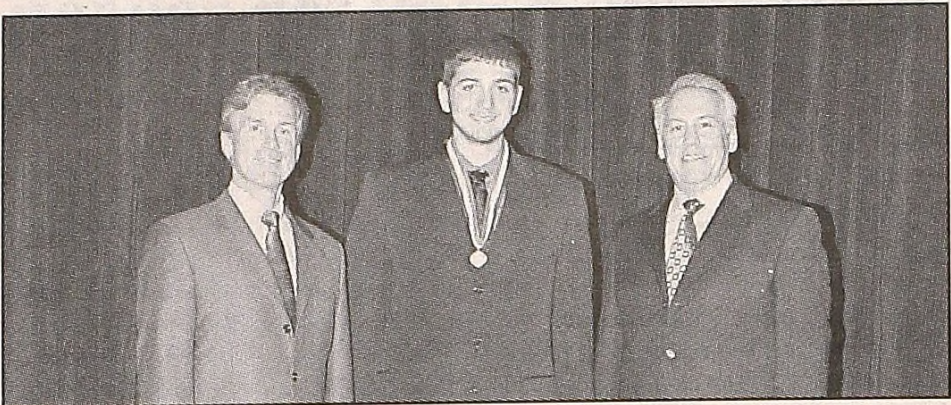


Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services, at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS



Scholarship awarded

Alex Mihelick (center) of Plymouth High School was honored as a recipient of the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) Scholar-Athlete Award at the 2006 Boys Basketball Finals at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center in East Lansing on March 25. Shown with Mihelick are: John E. "Jack" Roberts (left), executive director of the MHSAA; and Jim Robinson, executive vice-president of Farm Bureau Insurance, which underwrites the program. Mihelick will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from Farm Bureau Insurance to be used at the institution of higher learning he attends this fall. Farm Bureau Insurance awarded 32 scholarships, proportionately by school classification to students with 3.50 or higher (on a 4.0 scale) grade point average who have previously lettered in at least one sport in which post-season competition is sponsored by the MHSAA. Photo by John Johnson

Whalers

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The last 20 minutes didn't fair any better for the Whalers as Windsor's Paul McFarland (1:30), Keaton Turkiewicz (power-play, 4:44) and Ryan Garlock (empty net, 19:54) pout the game away, 7-4, for Windsor.

"We were called on five straight penalties," said Mike Vellucci, Plymouth's head coach and general manager. "Once they made it 4-3 and then 4-4 the momentum really swung in their direction and things started to cave in for us."

Plymouth's 3-2 home victory on Saturday and the loss on Sunday pushed the series to the decisive Game 7 that was scheduled for 7:30 pm on Tuesday night at the Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township. However, the results were unavailable at press time. Got to www.journalgroup.com for an exclusive web update.

Windsor 2, Plymouth 3

Saturday night's Game 5 in Plymouth was time for the Whalers to shine.

Tom Sestito rose to the occasion for the Whalers. He scored two goals in 14 seconds in the second period to snap a 1-1 tie and help Plymouth defeat the Spitfires, 3-2.

Sestito gave Plymouth a 2-1 lead at 3:07 of the second period when he took Derek Merlini's pass in neutral territory, moved into the Windsor zone and beat Guadagnolo with a hard shot from the

right face-off dot. Peters was credited with the other assist on the play.

Sestito then scored at 3:21 when he took Fournier's pass from the right wing in the Windsor zone into the slot. Sestito faked a shot from the forehand to put his backhand shot by Guadagnolo. Gino Pisellini earned the other assist.

Justin Peters stopped a penalty shot by Windsor's Mickey Renaud at 6:42 of the second period to keep the score 3-1 Plymouth.

Bryan Bickell cut the Plymouth lead to 3-2 at 17:24 of the third period when he tucked a hard shot through traffic under the bar by Peters.

Windsor pulled Guadagnolo with 28 seconds left in regulation, but could not find the equalizer.

Plymouth's first goal belonged to Vigilante who scored at 6:55 of the first on a power play. Neal and Ward notched the assists.

Plymouth 3, Windsor 4

Cal O'Reilly's goal with 49 seconds remaining in regulation snapped a 3-3 tie and Windsor defeated the Whalers, 4-3, in Game 4 played Thursday night at Windsor Arena.

Neal scored twice for Plymouth, Jared Boll added his first goal of the playoffs and Evan Brophey added two assists.

Cory McGillis, Bickell and Patrick Davis added single goals for Windsor.

Plymouth called a time-out and pulled Peters with 41.2 seconds left in regulation and had a two-man advantage when Windsor's Garlock was penalized for cross checking at 19:37. The Whalers couldn't find the equalizer, though.



Centerman Evan Brophey (11) leads the Whaler charge into Windsor's territory in Game 4.



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By Jenny Harper

I've often thought that if the Easter bunny hung around to see what's for dinner, perhaps he wouldn't high-tail it after hiding his colored eggs!

Of all the entertaining possibilities spring presents, gathering family and cherished friends for a festive Easter dinner is tops on my list. My Easter tradition includes surprising my guests with a knock-your-socks-off special dessert. This year, a sublime Chocolate Banana Cream Pie will be eagerly anticipated. I'll keep mum about how easy this impressive pie is to make: The chocolate chip cookie dough crust is filled with banana slices and creamy pudding spread with whipped topping. I crown each serving with a swirl of chocolate syrup and some mini chocolate chip morsels.

Serve this spectacular, jaw-dropping dessert while wearing your halo, as the cookie dough crust contains zero grams of trans fat. Once Easter-egg-hunters spy your pie, they won't stray far!

Love baking with the kids but don't have time? Gather the kids, use refrigerated cookie dough and enjoy a spring-themed cookie baking and decorating session in your kitchen:

- Let kids use fun, seasonal refrigerated cookie dough with pre-cut Easter shapes.
- Place and bake the pre-cut bunnies, chicks and tulips on a baking tray, then bring out the icing and sprinkles for some decorating fun.
- Tint vanilla icing pastel colors for decorating, or look for spring-colored sugar and sprinkles to put a crowning touch on baked cookies.
- Let kids nestle decorated cookies into Easter-grass-lined baskets and give as gifts to family and friends.

Check out other festive desserts and baking ideas that make any spring occasion memorable at VeryBestBaking.com



CHOCOLATE BANANA CREAM PIE (Makes 8 servings)

- 1 package (18 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Refrigerated Chocolate Chip Cookie Bar Dough, softened
- 1 can (12 fluid ounces) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 1 package (4 ounces) banana cream or vanilla instant pudding and pie filling mix
- 2 medium bananas, sliced
- 1 1/2 cups frozen whipped topping, thawed
- Chocolate Flavor Nestlé Nesquik Chocolate Syrup (optional)
- Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Mini Morsels (optional)

PREHEAT oven to 350° F. Grease 9-inch pie plate. **PRESS** 3/4 package cookie dough* onto bottom and up side of pie plate. **BAKE** 18 to 24 minutes or until golden brown; flatten down with back of spoon to form pie shell. Cool completely on wire rack.

BEAT milk and pudding mix according to package directions in small bowl; refrigerate 5 minutes. Spread pudding over cookie crust. Top pudding with bananas; spread with whipped topping. Refrigerate at least 1 hour or until set. Drizzle with chocolate syrup; top with morsels. Cut into wedges.
* Bake up remainder for an additional treat the kids (and grownups) will love!

Nutrition Information per serving: 450 calories; 160 calories from fat; 18g total fat; 9g saturated fat; 40mg cholesterol; 510mg sodium; 66g carbohydrate; 2g fiber; 35g sugars; 6g protein

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Here's the wow factor

Spring has arrived.

I know this not because of birds and blooms, but because I am beginning to get questions regarding ideas for seasonal entertaining. Things like

Easter brunches,
luncheons
and

bridal and baby showers. The other day I was asked if I had any suggestions for a memorable dessert for a small bridal shower in a private home. I immediately thought of a wow factor dessert that is as easy to prepare as it is grand to present: Peaches and Crème Brulee.

Peaches and Crème Brulee

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 3 large egg yolks
- 6 whole ripe peaches
- 4 to 6 teaspoons sugar

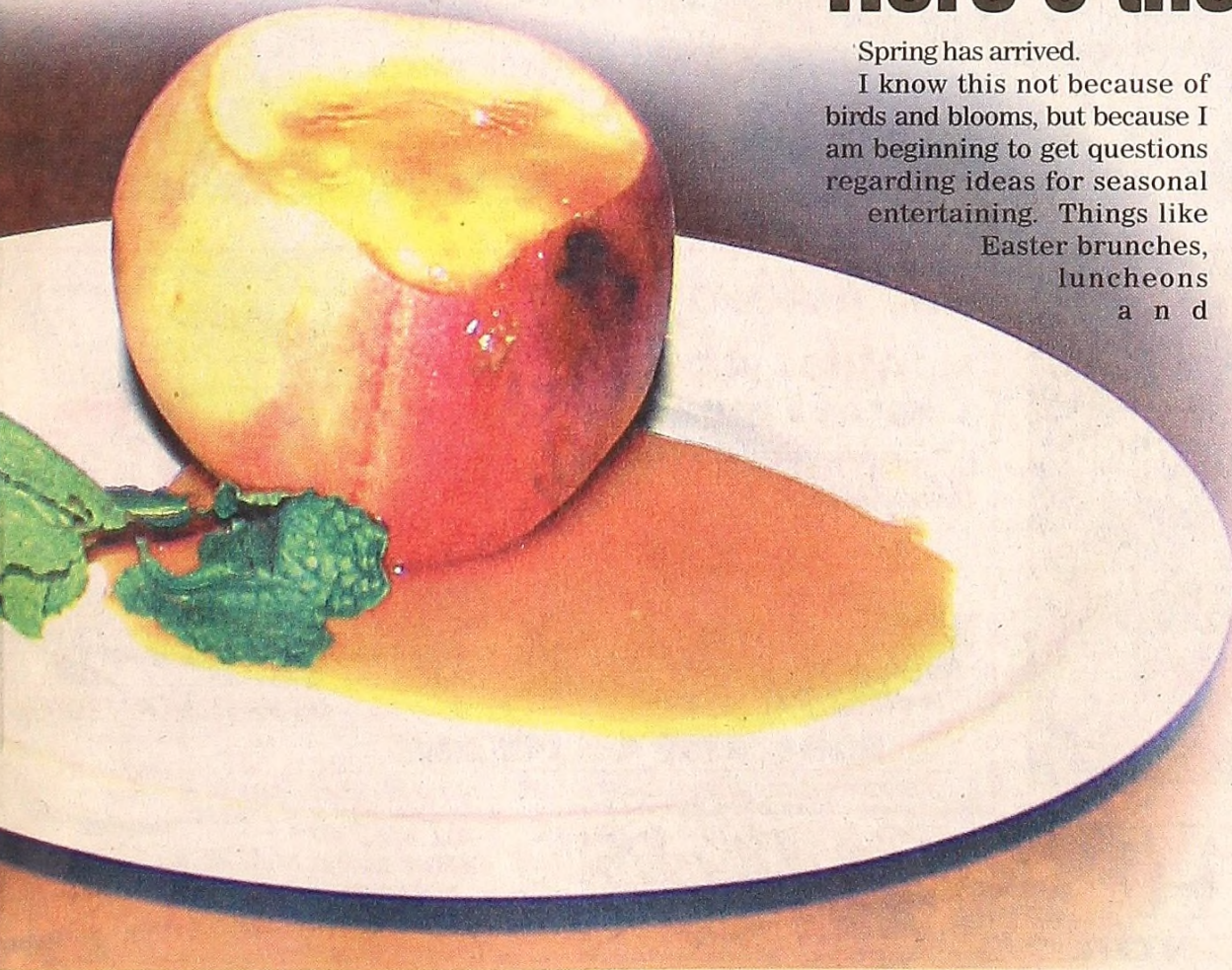
Place cream and vanilla in a medium saucepan; bring to a simmer and turn off heat.

Combine 1/3 cup sugar and egg yolks in a mixing bowl, whisking until smooth. Slowly add the warm cream to egg mixture, whisking constantly. Set bowl over a saucepan of simmering water (do not let bowl

touch water). Whisk mixture constantly about 9 minutes until it reaches 180 degrees and coats the back of a spoon. Remove bowl from heat and place in an ice bath, stirring occasionally. Cool completely. (This may be chilled overnight.) Mixture will thicken slightly when cooled.

Cut tops off of peaches and remove pits and some surrounding peach flesh. Discard flesh and pits. If necessary, cut thin layer off the bottom of the peach to sit it upright on a plate. Fill each peach with about 1/4 cup of custard so it is even with the top of the peach. Refrigerate until ready to serve, up to three hours.

Sprinkle a thin layer of remaining sugar onto each custard-filled peach. Caramelize sugar using a kitchen torch kept moving at all times. Serve within 1 hour of browning the sugar.



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